110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 2958

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to review the video game ratings of the Entertainment Software Ratings Board and to direct the Government Accountability Office to study the impact of video games on children and young adults.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 10, 2007

Mr. Baca (for himself, Mr. Burton of Indiana, Mrs. Boyda of Kansas, and Mr. Chandler) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Children Protection
- 5 from Video Game Violence and Sexual Content Act".

1 SEC. 2. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION STUDY.

- 2 The Federal Trade Commission shall evaluate and re-
- 3 view the system employed by the Entertainment Software
- 4 Ratings Board to assign ratings to video games. The Com-
- 5 mission shall transmit to Congress, not later than 180
- 6 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a report on
- 7 the Commission's findings, including the opinion of the
- 8 Commission as to whether the ratings system results in
- 9 the exposure to children of excessive violence and sexual
- 10 content.

11 SEC. 3. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE STUDY.

- 12 The Comptroller General shall conduct a study on the
- 13 impact of video games on the mental stability and growth
- 14 of children and young adults. The Comptroller General
- 15 shall transmit to the Congress, not later than 180 days
- 16 after the date of enactment of this Act, a report on the
- 17 findings of the study.

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